

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
LICENSE INSEPECTOR'S REPORT**

**LICENSE NUMBER:** L246-50060

**POLICE FILE NUMBER:** 13255

**DATE OF APPLICATION :** April 24, 2012

**INSPECTOR:** Greg Buenning

**APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY:** Kike Y Shamu, Inc

**DBA/TRADE NAME:** El Meson

**COMPLETE ADDRESS:** 3450 Lyndale Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

**LICENSE REQUESTED:** Class "D" Charter Wine with Strong Beer

**CURRENT LICENSE:** None

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL:** Yes

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:** A public hearing is not required

**NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD:** CARAG/Ward Ten

**ZONING:** C1

**7 ACRE REQUIREMENT:** This does not meet the seven acre requirement

**OFF-STREET PARKING:** This location has grandfather rights for parking and is not required to have any off-street parking spaces per zoning requirements.

**CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPOSED PREMISES:** No

**SEATING:** Inside: 64 Outside: 20

**FIRE OCCUPANCY:** Inside: 64

**FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT:** 70/30

**HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED:** Inside and Outside: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.  
daily

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES:** None

### **HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This address has been utilized as a Charter Wine with Strong Beer establishment since 1999. Prior to that, it had been licensed as a food restaurant.

### **APPLICANT**

The applicant is Kike Y Shamu, Inc., a Minnesota corporation formed on November 16, 2011, under Chapter 302A (File Number 453075200028). The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate, legal, and traceable funding for this venture. They have the required restriction on the transfer of shares and have the following shareholders and officers:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Hector Ruiz	President/Secretary/Treasurer	100%

### **MANAGER**

Hector Ruiz will be the Manager at El Meson. Mr. Ruiz has been the Executive Chef there from 2003 to 2007 and was Executive Chef at Café Ena from 2007 to the present time. He has 13 years of experience in the hospitality industry.

### **POLICE REVIEW**

Police Licensing and this Inspector have reviewed the expenses and source of funds reported in this application. The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate legal and traceable funding for this venture and has passed the criminal background check. The Fifth Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

### **PREMISES**

The lease shows exclusive use of premises by the applicant. The licensed premises are on the first floor of the establishment. The premises occupy approximately 1,700 square feet. There is interior seating for 64 people at tables and chairs. The outdoor private patio will seat 20 people. It will consist of four, four-top tables, and two, two-top tables.

### **BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS**

The applicant's business plan submitted to the License Division in support of this application indicates the following manner of operation:

The applicant intends to operate a full service, sit-down restaurant. The applicant's menu is comprised of a wide variety of Spanish & Caribbean dishes. House specialty dishes consist of paella, seafood dishes, as well as appetizers, soups, salads and desserts.

The proposed hours of operation for El Meson will be 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily for inside and outdoor areas.

The applicant will not offer mechanical amusement devices or charitable gambling on or at the premises. The applicant indicates that it does not intend to sponsor sports teams at this time.

The applicant has applied for a class D license. The applicant indicates that entertainment will consist of one musician playing non-amplified music (likely an acoustic guitar player) and possibly a Spanish ethnic dancer. Entertainment will be offered from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday & Saturday and possibly Sunday evenings and is directed at families dining at the restaurant.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division make the following recommendation for the application for El Meson. The license application for a Class "D" Charter Wine with Strong Beer license is recommended for approval.

### **LICENSE CONDITIONS**

None